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ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY POLICY

One of the NHDHR's primary duties is to collect, organize, and make available the survey information collected over the years. Survey is an ongoing process of gathering information. Definitions of integrity and significance change, and the 50-year, National Park Service-suggested cut-off for "historic" properties is an ever-moving target. Due to this, prior survey information can be a valuable source of research material on a property but may contain outdated or inaccurate assessments of integrity and significance.

For Review and Compliance purposes, research provided in an architectural survey will be considered valid for 10 years. Additional photographs may be required if the property has sustained significant change since the previous survey. Potential district assessments made based on individual inventory forms are subject to change based on additional information by subsequent survey.

For State Register purposes, research, description, and photographic information provided in an inventory form, as well as the determinations of eligibility based on that information, will be considered valid for 3 years. If the property is listed at that time, the State Register listing remains in perpetuity. If an owner chooses not to list the property at the time it is determined eligible, the determination stands for only three years. After three years, additional photos and textual description (section #43) of any physical changes will need to be submitted for the property to be reconsidered for State Register listing.

Providing updated information

If a property has been previously surveyed, new information may be submitted in briefer form, updating the existing information in the appropriate sections of the inventory form and submitting only those pages and sections needed to bring the information up to date. A new page 1 should be submitted for all updated forms.

If the update is to record a demolition of a property, please contact the NHDHR for the proper cover form.

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